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AHEAD OF MEETING GUILLEN EMPHASIZES SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION

Guillen Prepares For Education Meeting Next Week

AUSTIN- Representative Ryan Guillen (D- Rural South Texas) is pleased that the House Committee on Public Education will be meeting next week to discuss the implementation of a few important bills passed last session: HB 21, HB 22, and SB 179. Guillen was heavily involved in their passage and looks forward to successful implementation.

"The passage of these bills was a step in the right direction," said Guillen. "They will increase accountability in our schools by reforming the A-F system, bring more funding to kids and schools who need it, and help schools protect our children from cyberbullies."

HB 21, which Guillen was an author of, would have provided over \$1 billion in additional state funding for public schools as it passed the House. Unfortunately, the Senate refused to agree to the bill and insisted on changes that drastically altered the bill's purpose. In the end, the bill secured additional funding for special education programs for students with autism and dyslexia, and it created a grant program to help school districts that lost funding due to the expiration of the Additional State Aid for Tax Reduction (ASATR) program. Guillen also was an author of the anti-cyberbullying bill, SB 179, "David's Law," that cracks down on cyberbullying in schools.

Finally, Guillen was heavily involved in the passage of HB 22, which reformed the state's A-F school accountability grading system to make it more fair to the schools and students of his district.

The House Committee on Public Education is meeting next week to discuss the implementation of each of these bills, and Guillen is looking forward to the meeting to make sure that these measures are being implemented in the way they were intended: to help the students of Texas, especially South Texas.

"The education of the children of District 31 is always a top priority of mine," said Guillen. "We must make sure that each of these measures is being implemented in a way that benefits them."

Serving ten rural South Texas counties in the Texas House of Representatives, Ryan Guillen is known for his hard work, fierce independence, and relentless efforts for South Texas families. Recently, Capitol Inside called him a "House Bill Machine," and a "one-person assembly line for



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legislation.” Since elected, few other legislators have passed more bills than Guillen. Sign up for updates at ryanguillen.com, facebook.com/representative.guillen, and twitter.com/ryanguillen

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